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Mr Allen Johnson
Mounds Ill.

Dear Mr Johnson:

I have just received your letter, and am hastening to answer it. I was very glad to hear from you. I want to thank you for the compliment you paid in saying you approved my conduct in the baseball. It is sometime hard to understand the behaviour of a lot of the baseball people, and I have almost given up trying.

You said in your letter, you have decided to either play independent baseball or join The United States League. At the recent meeting of the two Negro Leagues in Chicago, it was practically decided that each of the two leagues would take in two other teams. If this is done the two cities in the east would no doubt be Montreal and Brooklyn. I am writing mainly to find out if you would be interested in Brooklyn. The man who owns The New York Amsterdam News is interested in our baseball, and maybe you could work out something with him. This is the newspaper with the biggest circulation in New York, and the only one in Brooklyn. I believe him to be not only an intelligent business man, but some one who would be an asset to the baseball. He will of course have a time getting a team together. Therefore if you two could get together it might be a profitable investment for both. If you would not care to work with anyone, would you be interested in Brooklyn?

Our league is to meet again in January, and at that time I am sure something definite will be done. In the meantime, I am sure different members of our league will be contacting different people to see if they are interested in joining up. I hate the thought of any more no-gooders getting in the baseball. Please let me hear from you as soon as possible. Of course I would like to have Smith, but I would rather see you get a return on your baseball investment if possible.

Sincerely Yours

What is the news on the west coast?